

to manual labor, and free in a great degree from the vices of civilization, have resulted in a healthy and happy race.

V. Natural Fervor.—We make no apology for the combustive element in Human Nature; but if the necessity of war be assumed, it follows that the lower passions of man are not without their value in military affairs. We might, indeed, urge that the Black has wrongs and injuries to avenge, which if he were only white it would be thought not only just, but pretty and poetical to appeal to. We take it for granted that military discipline could be and would be enforced; nor is it in the least probable that any difficulty would be experienced in restraining the excitability of the negroes. On the contrary, it is certain that, even for the sake of humanity, it would be better for the emancipated Slave to be under military restraint. At the same time, those passions of his nature which are of a destructive tendency are precisely those which are oftenest found useful in the soldier.

VI. Capacity for Easy Subsistence.—Men who have been trained to live upon a *per diem* of a little corn and still less meat, will not make a very heavy draft upon the commissary. Of course, they will live well if they can; but, though the meat ration be scanty and the bread rather stale, they will get on.

VII. Knowledge of the Country.—This may be a minor advantage, but it has already been found a considerable one. In all operations requiring guides and pilots, masses of Black troops would, of course, move with greater freedom, and with a less demand upon the watchfulness and anxiety of their officers, than could be expected of absolute strangers in the land.

These considerations might be extended. The swift and ready reply to them will be: "D——the Nigger!" Gentlemen who suppose that the Rebellion can be put down by damning the "Nigger," are requested to indulge in that cheap profanity to their heart's content. Meanwhile, in Georgia and Florida we are doing better. Gen. Saxton, instead of damning the Negroes, is drilling them.

It is a maxim in the courts of law that a witness whose testimony is otherwise incredible, may nevertheless be believed when he speaks to his own disadvantage. In accordance with this principle, there is a single point on which the evidence even of the Richmond correspondent of *The London Times* may be received. The Rebels have done what they could to misrepresent the facts of the battle of Antietam, and especially to understate their own numbers. To this end, they have lately declared that Jackson did not arrive from Harper's Ferry during the battle, but only reached the field on the following day. This opinion was also expressed by a special correspondent whose letter we printed yesterday. We said then that we distrusted his information, and we have to-day in the Richmond letter of *The London Times* an admission that settles the question. We quote as follows:

"At about the hour when Jackson himself and his division (possibly 12,000 men) joined the right wing of the Rebels, he had previously forced the garrison of Harper's Ferry to surrender to him, taking all the arms, munitions of war, and supplies of every kind, which were in the fort, and arriving soon enough to attack McClellan. The ground won in the morning by the Unionists, who were in tremendous force upon the right wing, was easily recovered and held until the end of the day. At the same time, General Gen. A. P. Hill, commanding the left wing, had advanced so far westward that he had reached the Conococheague Creek, and was within sight of Burnside's advance on the Union left, was so long delayed, and was eventually made with overreaching numbers."

Jackson's numbers are of course understated, but the fact is established that not only Jackson but A. P. Hill, who had fought Franklin on Sunday at Crampton's Gap, was present at the battle of Antietam.

The last sentence of the above extract is worth a moment's attention. We have heretofore expressed a pretty decided opinion on the merits of the strategy which held Burnside in check till 11 o'clock, instead of hastening his attack to co-operate with Hooker's magnificent assault on the right. Here now is in substance a Rebel confession that, if McClellan had ordered Burnside forward in season, the day would have been lost to the Rebels before Jackson and Hill arrived. There is not a ray of light which falls on the history of this eventful day which does not reveal more closely than ever the incompetence and the mistakes of the General who commanded the Union forces.

The Democratic nomination for the Controllership declined, (it is said by arrangement,) by Ald. Bowles—has been awarded by the Tammany managers, under the direction of Fernando Wood, to Matthew T. Brennan, a noted Sixth Ward politician, who has been a Police Justice. It seems to us that between Mr. Brennan and Mr. Haws there is a very strong contrast in the matter of fitness for this most important trust, and that the advantage is entirely on the side of Mr. Haws. We shall do nothing to arouse party feeling with regard to the competition between these two candidates, and to that end shall say little on the subject; but we urge the great body of our fellow-citizens to consider the matter dispassionately, make inquiries with respect to each of these candidates, and vote for whichever of them shall seem likely to serve the City most faithfully and effectively. The office has no political character; it has very little patronage; but it is of great importance to our tax-payers, and cannot be filled with too great integrity, ability, and industry. If Mr. Brennan is the right man for it, elect him; if Mr. Haws's past services give evidence of his eminent worth, give him your suffrages and your best exertions.

Radicalism and the Late Election.

To the Editor of *The N. Y. Tribune*.
Sir: in the 11th Assembly District of this State, in the 11th Assembly District of this (Columbia) County, the member elected, as you are already aware, is Elias W. Horwick, M. D. It may be a good answer to the criticisms of *The Albany Evening Journal* upon the defeat in the late contest, to state that while, in this district, the Democrats carried the entire ticket, except the Member of Assembly, the only successful candidate, Dr. Horwick, is an out and out radical Republican, known even as an Abolitionist! The *Journal's* philosophy does not apply to the circumstances of this region.

It was rather deficiency of earnest, well-directed effort to enlighten the people, as to the true character of the contest, than excess of "radicalism," which invited defeat.

Genl. N. Y., Nov. 20, 1862.

Hospital News.—Charles Green & Co. have engaged in the praiseworthy enterprise of printing a weekly newspaper in Hammond General Hospital, at Point Lookout, Md., for the benefit of the sick and wounded inmates of that institution.

Monthly. and an uncompromising Anti-Slavery man from the start, has been offered by Gen. Saxton, Military Governor of South Carolina, the Colonelcy of the 1st Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers. Mr. Higginson is now a Captain in the 55th Massachusetts, saw service in Kansas, and has long been a student of military tactics. We believe him unusually well qualified for a position, which not only requires military knowledge, but should be filled by one who has confidence in the experiment and interest in its success.

POLITICAL.

Illinois Congressmen.

The vote in Illinois for members of Congress is about as follows, only five or six small counties wanting:

	Dem.
1. Arnold.	9,665 Sherman.
2. Farnsworth.	12,612 Donnelly.
3. Lawrence.	8,711 Harris.
4. Lovett, majority.	694 Henderson.
5. Norton.	10,634 Doty.
6. McElroy.	10,000 Egan.
7. Noe (to oxidate).	1,443 Ross.
8. Moulton.	7,712 Knapp.
9. Hines.	5,561 Robinson.
10. Smith.	12,644 Morrison.
11. Bartley.	2,661 Allen.

Elected—Republican Unionists, 5; Democrats, 9; (including the member elected by the State at large).

The New-Hampshire Democratic Convention.

Coxcomb, N. H., Thursday, Nov. 20, 1862.

The New-Hampshire Democratic State Convention, to-day, nominated Ira A. Eastman for Governor, and James S. Cheney for Railroad Commissioner. The resolutions adopted affirm the preservation of the Constitution as it is, and the restoration of the Union as it was. There was a large attendance.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY RETURNS.

	LIVINGSTON COUNTY.
Governor.	Wadsworth, 4,268 Seymour, 3,697
Lieut.-Governor.	Tremblay, 4,347 Jones, 3,118
Commissioner of Land.	Lodge, 4,345 Sawyer, 3,625
Prison Inspector.	Whittemore, 3,682 Clark, 3,114
Congress.	Morris, 3,003 Lord, 2,962
Assembly.	Smith, 2,759 Lauderdale, 1,534
Assembly, 2d.	Shermer, 1,965 Smith, 1,752

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Naval.

UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE OF THE NAUGATUCK.

Very unexpectedly, yesterday morning, Capt. Wilson of the Stevens Battery, Naugatuck, received orders to prepare for sea at once, and leave New-York as soon as possible. An excursion down the bay had been planned to try some ordnance experiments being expected on board, but the Washington dispatch changed the programme. Everything was got ready as speedily as possible, officers ordered to "stand by," and last evening, the final preparation being complete, the fast little "water-had" man-of-war, left her anchorage, and will be probably outside the lights to-day. We printed a list of her officers on Tuesday.

THE BARBON FORTS—WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

An immense quantity of canon and artillery materials were landed on Governor's Island yesterday. A tremendous Parrott rifle and a large ten-inch gun are on the wharf, and oxen were all day engaged in carting ammunition from the beach to a temporary storehouse. These things are all ready for reshipping at an hour's notice, and will not remain long in their present location. There are about 500 men, all told, now on the Island. Col. Loosin is the commandant, and is ably assisted by Capt. Sprule, the gallantly executive officer. The Texan soldiers, having been exchanged, are gone the battle-field at last. Occasionally a lonely straggler, captured by Van Dorn, makes his appearance, and is sent after his comrades. The permanent party numbers about 150 men, but the quarter part of them are excused from military duty. A battery of volunteer artillery known as the Anton Battalion is drilling on the Island. Orders for the departure of troops are daily expected.

Detachments of regular troops have recently been sent to Fort Richmond, Fort Schuyler, and Fort Hamilton, to instruct volunteers in handling the guns, should one of the Rebel iron-clads make her appearance. Artillery drill is daily practised at all these forts, and the men are becoming very efficient. Gen. Harvey Brown still keeps his headquarters at Fort Hamilton. There are some companies of the 12th Infantry and of an artillery regiment at present doing garrison duty there. Major Clift, who was wounded at Chickahominy, has been detached from the post and ordered to West Point, to take command there. Soldiers are ready for the road if needed.

The armament of Fort Columbus is occupying the attention of the Ordnance authorities, who are reported to be about increasing its caliber.

COURT MARTIAL.

A General Court Martial has been in session at Fort Hamilton, trying Capt. Wilkinson, brother of Senator Wilkinson. It adjourned to Governor's Island, where it is now in session. Col. Loosin is President and Adj't. Childs Judge-Advocate.

OFFICERS OF GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

Annexed is a list of the officers of Governor's Island:

	GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.
Governor.	Wadsworth, 2,554 Seymour, 2,475
Lieut.-Governor.	Tremblay, 2,437 Jones, 2,118
Commissioner of Land.	Lodge, 2,611 Sawyer, 2,456
Prison Inspector.	Whittemore, 2,671 Clarke, 2,476
Court Clerk Appeals.	Hughes, 2,678 Tallmadge, 2,475
Congress.	Morris, 2,603 Lord, 2,469
Assembly.	Smith, 2,759 Lauderdale, 1,534
Assembly, 2d.	Shermer, 1,965 Smith, 1,752

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ARTISTS.

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LEWIS COUNTY RETURNS.

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Governor.	Wadsworth, 5,696 Seymour, 5,273
Lieut.-Governor.	Tremblay, 4,347 Jones, 3,118
Commissioner of Land.	Lodge, 4,345 Sawyer, 3,625
Prison Inspector.	Whittemore, 2,671 Clarke, 2,476
Court Clerk Appeals.	Hughes, 2,678 Tallmadge, 2,475
Congress.	Morris, 3,003 Lord, 2,962
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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY RETURNS.

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Lieut.-Governor.	Tremblay, 4,347 Jones, 3,118
Commissioner of Land.	Lodge, 4,345 Sawyer, 3,625
Prison Inspector.	Whittemore, 2,671 Clarke, 2,476
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WHEELING.

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REPUBLICAN CITY CONVENTION.

Annexed is a list of the officers of the Convention met last night pursuant to adjournment, at Republican Headquarters, corner of Broadway and Second street, in order to complete its nomination.

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REPUBLICAN ALBERMANIC CONVENTION.

The Republican Albermanic Convention of the XIIIth District met last night, and nominated Ira A. Allen, the present incumbent.